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FOR HABIB FROM PAGANELLI

E.O. 120651 RDS-1,2,3 6/8/82 (PAGANELLI, ROBERT P.) OR-M  
 TAGS: PEPR, MILI, MOPS, US, LE, IS, SY  
 SUBJ: BEGIN PROPOSAL TO ASSAD CONVEYED--ASSAD AGREES TO  
 - RECEIVE HABIB  
 REF: (A) JERUSALEM 01767. (B) SECTO 0035

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT

2. I PRESENTED BEGIN'S MESSAGE TO ASSAD TO QADDOUR  
 AT 2200 LOCAL JUNE 8. I PRESSED HARD FOR ASSAD  
 COMMITMENT TO SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY (AS SOON AS MORNING  
 OF JUNE 9 IF POSSIBLE) FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF BEGIN'S  
 PROPOSAL AND ENTIRE SITUATION. QADDOUR AGREED TO  
 CONTACT ASSAD IMMEDIATELY AND GET BACK TO US.

3. ABU FARES PHONED ME AT 0130HRS LOCAL JUNE 09 ON  
 QADDOUR'S BEHALF WITH REPLY TO MY REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE  
 HABIB VISIT TO MEET WITH ASSAD. I WAS TOLD THAT SYRIANS  
 AGREE TO HABIB'S REQUEST TO ADVANCE HIS VISIT ORIGINALLY

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SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12-13." (COMMENT: SYRIANS HAVE PUT THEIR OWN TWIST ON VISIT TO SEPARATE IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM APPEARANCE OF THEIR ACQUIESING TO WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY AN ISRAELI REQUEST, HOWEVER THEY LOOK AT IT, THEIR AGREEMENT SERVES OUR IMMEDIATE PURPOSE.) PLEASE ADVISE E.T.A. ASSUME IT WILL BE SOMETIME TODAY JUNE 09. WE DOING NECESSARY FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE.

4. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT GADDOUR'S OWN REACTION TO BEGIN'S PROPOSAL WAS TOTAL REJECTION. HE WAS QUIETLY BUT DEEPLY ANGRY AND DESCRIBED PROPOSAL AS A "THREAT" AND "BLACKMAIL." GADDOUR ASSERTED IF PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO FRIGHTEN ASSAD, ASSAD DIDN'T SCARE EASILY. GADDOUR SAID HE MARVELED AT BEGIN'S GALL IN ASKING THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY SUCH A MESSAGE TO THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT.

5. GADDOUR THEN ASKED FOR U.S. OPINION OF BEGIN PROPOSALS AND U.S. VIEWS ON SITUATION. I REPLIED I WAS NOT IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO HIS QUESTIONS AND THIS ALL THE MORE REASON TO GET HABIB UP HERE IMMEDIATELY SINCE HABIB COULD ADDRESS FULL RANGE OF ISSUES. I SAID CONVEYING OF BEGIN PROPOSAL AND REQUEST FOR HABIB VISIT WAS IN CONTEXT OF INTENSE U.S. EFFORT TO STOP FIGHTING WHICH APPEARED TO BE ESCALATING DANGEROUSLY, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN ISRAELI AND SYRIAN FORCES. PAGANELLI

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